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ARECANUT TREES AFFECTED WITH DISEASE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether arecanut trees have been affected with a disease;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total loss suffered by the farmers as a result thereof;

(c) whether Arecanut Research Institute has been entrusted to ascertain the cause of the disease; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the remedial action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes, Sir. The major diseases affecting arecanut is fruit rot (Kole Roga).

(b) Fruit rot (Kole Roga) caused by Phytophthora meadii causes crop loss from 10-90 per cent.

(c) & (d): ICAR does not have an Institute exclusively for arecanut research. However, the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute carries out some research in arecanut. At its Regional Station at Vittal, the causal agent of the disease has been ascertained and control measures have been suggested.